

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

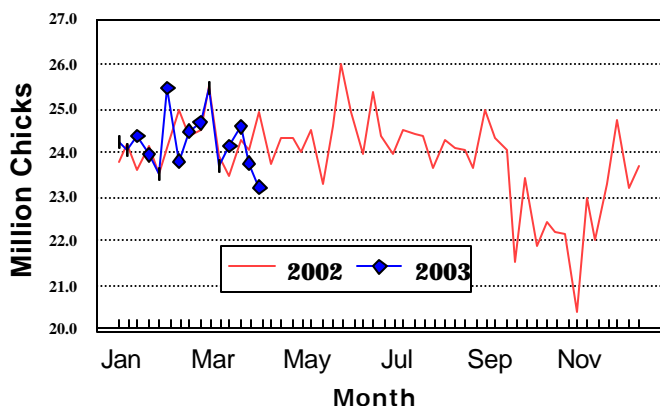
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.3 million during the week ending April 12, 2003. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 12, 2003 were 363.7 million, up fractionally from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

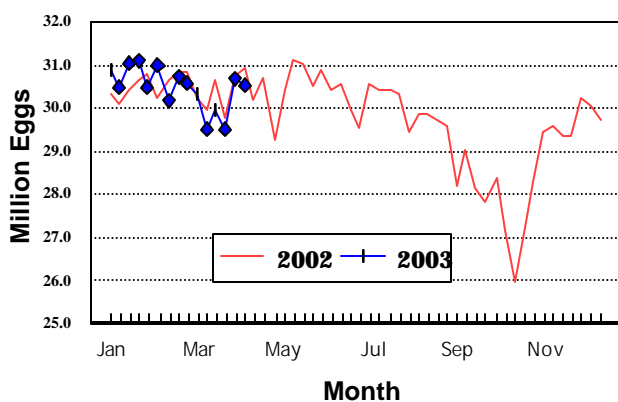
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 12, 2003, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Mar. 8	25,518	25,491	100	25,433	25,042	98	30,238	30,315	100
Mar. 15	23,918	23,738	99	25,522	25,582	100	29,964	29,522	99
Mar. 22	23,490	24,173	103	25,539	25,419	100	30,641	29,982	98
Mar. 29	24,294	24,592	101	25,067	25,098	100	29,747	29,511	99
Apr. 5	24,056	23,750	99	24,711	24,422	99	30,730	30,672	100
Apr. 12	24,951	23,255	93	25,468	24,831	98	30,962	30,527	99

**CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003**



**EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003**



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	22-Mar	29-Mar	05-Apr	12-Apr	%	08-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	05-Apr	12-Apr	%
Alabama	28,537 *	27,815	28,204	28,843	98	21,816	21,484	21,568	21,078	21,442	21,439	97
ARKANSAS	29,982	29,511	30,672	30,527	99	25,491	23,738	24,173	24,592	23,750 *	23,255	93
Delaware	3,711	3,633	3,859	3,753	106	4,688	4,570	4,988	5,270	5,258	4,973	105
Florida	1,634	1,597	1,687 *	1,491	62	1,798	1,668	1,566	1,632	1,608 *	1,892	82
Georgia	31,496 *	31,092	32,089 *	32,081	101	24,378	25,065	25,718	25,471	25,095 *	25,447	99
Kentucky	6,821 *	6,581 *	6,775 *	6,500	96	5,739	4,964	5,343	5,171	5,324	5,945	114
Maryland	9,509	9,516	10,050	10,069	104	5,242	6,260	6,108	6,258	6,592	6,341	107
Mississippi	19,110	19,116	19,229	19,231	101	15,579	15,850	16,374	16,390	16,209	16,425	106
N. Carolina	18,876 *	18,985	18,622	18,904	98	14,199	14,729	15,066	15,134	14,897	15,268	99
Oklahoma	6,580	6,219	6,620 *	6,458	102	3,634	4,458	4,825	4,357	4,850 *	5,474	115
Pennsylvania	3,405	3,996 *	3,848 *	3,679	96	2,479	2,358	2,588	2,713 *	2,478 *	2,538	97
S. Carolina	4,903	4,983	4,911	4,958	104	4,812	4,430	3,827	4,020	4,201	3,498	84
Texas	14,302 *	14,756	14,990	15,153	98	11,970	12,391	12,417	12,265	12,194	11,888	97
Virginia	6,637	6,714	6,521	6,502	100	5,854	5,334	5,258	5,407	5,358	5,149	96
CALAMO,IN,WV	20,882 *	20,693	20,821 *	20,877	99	17,551	19,940	19,306	19,566	18,468 *	19,506	106
Total 2003	206,385 *	205,207 *	208,898 *	209,026		165,230	167,239	169,125	169,324 *	167,724 *	169,038	
Total 2002	208,762	207,728	212,490	211,198		171,686	172,382	171,346	171,323	168,978	169,433	
% Prev. Year	99	99	98	99		96	97	99	99	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						26-Apr	03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	

\* Revised .      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending April 12, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 12, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 12, 2003 were 2.49 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.